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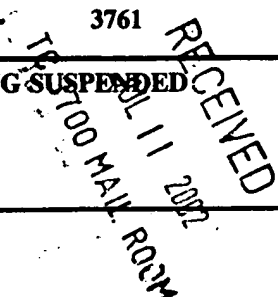
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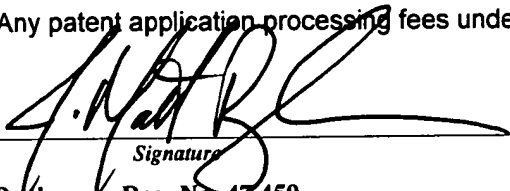

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office action mailed by the Examiner on March 26, 2002, Applicants submit this Reply and Amendment. In the subject Office action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims and set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. Furthermore, the Examiner objected to the specification.

On June 18, 2002, Applicants' attorney, J. Matthew Buchanan, conducted an interview with the Examiner, Michael G. Mendoza, and the Primary Examiner, Glenn K. Dawson. In the interview, Applicants' attorney discussed the cited art and its applicability to the pending claims. Specifically, Applicants' attorney and the Examiners discussed the absence of a teaching of a two valve system for use with radiation delivery during suspended ventilation in the cited references.